

Largest Changes in Construction Employment by Metropolitan Area or Division, May 2021–May 2022
(not seasonally adjusted)

Total 358 Areas: 248 (69%) with gains, 62 (17%) with losses, 48 unchanged. US total 3.8% (seasonally adjusted).

Most Jobs Added

Area ¹	Industry ²	May '21	May '22	12-month gains/loss	12-month % change	Rank ³ based on:	
						gain/loss	% change
1 Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	Construction	207,900	231,700	23,800	11%	1	17
2 Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	145,600	157,400	11,800	8%	2	41
3 St. Louis, MO-IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	69,700	75,200	5,500	8%	3	41
4 Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, IL Div.	Construction	131,400	136,300	4,900	4%	4	121
5 Nashville-Davidson–Murfreesboro–Franklin, TN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	51,600	56,100	4,500	9%	5	31
5 Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA NECTA Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	74,100	78,600	4,500	6%	5	70
7 Provo-Orem, UT	Mining, Logging, and Construction	27,500	31,900	4,400	16%	7	6
8 Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	Mining, Logging, and Construction	108,800	113,000	4,200	4%	8	121
9 Salt Lake City, UT	Mining, Logging, and Construction	52,900	57,000	4,100	8%	9	41
10 Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA Div.	Construction	103,600	107,600	4,000	4%	10	121
10 Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, CA Div.	Construction	150,600	154,600	4,000	3%	10	164

Most Jobs Lost

Area ¹	Industry ²	May '21	May '22	12-month gain/loss	12-month % change	Rank ³ based on:	
						gain/loss	% change
1 Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL	Construction	82,600	77,000	-5,600	-7%	358	351
2 Richmond, VA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	41,800	39,800	-2,000	-5%	357	345
3 Middlesex-Monmouth-Ocean, NJ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	41,400	39,800	-1,600	-4%	355	338
3 Pittsburgh, PA	Construction	62,400	60,800	-1,600	-3%	355	327
5 Bergen-Hudson-Passaic, NJ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	29,700	28,400	-1,300	-4%	353	338
5 San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX	Construction	57,700	56,400	-1,300	-2%	353	314
7 Calvert-Charles-Prince George's, MD	Mining, Logging, and Construction	33,500	32,300	-1,200	-4%	352	338
8 New York City, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	141,600	140,400	-1,200	-1%	351	299
9 Urban Honolulu, HI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	27,100	26,100	-1,000	-4%	349	338
9 Austin-Round Rock, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	73,100	72,100	-1,000	-1%	349	299

Largest Percentage Gains

Area ¹	Industry ²	May '21	May '22	12-month gain/loss	12-month % change	Rank ³ based on:	
						gain/loss	% change
1 Cheyenne, WY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,400	4,600	1,200	35%	53	1
2 Decatur, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,400	4,100	700	21%	77	2
3 Lawton, OK	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,500	1,800	300	20%	126	3
4 Laredo, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,100	3,700	600	19%	88	4
5 Bloomington, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,000	3,500	500	17%	98	5
6 Johnson City, TN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,500	2,900	400	16%	110	6
6 Odessa, TX	Mining, Logging, and Construction	14,000	16,200	2,200	16%	33	6
6 Provo-Orem, UT	Mining, Logging, and Construction	27,500	31,900	4,400	16%	7	6
9 Morristown, TN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,000	2,300	300	15%	126	9
9 Norwich-New London-Westerly, CT-RI NECTA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,900	4,500	600	15%	88	9
9 Lawrence-Methuen Town-Salem, MA-NH NECTA Div.	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,900	4,500	600	15%	88	9
9 Lake Charles, LA	Construction	16,500	19,000	2,500	15%	27	9
9 Knoxville, TN	Mining, Logging, and Construction	19,400	22,300	2,900	15%	23	9

Largest Percentage Losses

Area ¹	Industry ²	May '21	May '22	12-month gain/loss	12-month % change	Rank ³ based on:	
						gain/loss	% change
1 Niles-Benton Harbor, MI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,400	2,100	-300	-13%	334	358
2 Lewiston, ID-WA	Construction	1,700	1,500	-200	-12%	321	357
3 Greenville, NC	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,700	3,400	-300	-8%	334	356
4 Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL	Construction	82,600	77,000	-5,600	-7%	358	351
4 Wausau, WI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,700	2,500	-200	-7%	321	351
4 Kankakee, IL	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,400	1,300	-100	-7%	297	351
4 Elmira, NY	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,400	1,300	-100	-7%	297	351
4 Corvallis, OR	Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,500	1,400	-100	-7%	297	351
9 Vineland-Bridgeton, NJ	Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,100	2,900	-200	-6%	321	350
10 Richmond, VA	Mining, Logging, and Construction	41,800	39,800	-2,000	-5%	357	345
10 Columbia, SC	Mining, Logging, and Construction	17,000	16,200	-800	-5%	347	345
10 Charleston, WV	Mining, Logging, and Construction	6,500	6,200	-300	-5%	334	345
10 Kahului-Wailuku-Lahaina, HI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,300	4,100	-200	-5%	321	345
10 Battle Creek, MI	Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,000	1,900	-100	-5%	297	345

Footnotes:

¹Area: Metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) are designated by the Office of Management and Budget. MSAs generally cover one or more entire counties or county equivalents, or New England City and Town Area (NECTA) in the six New England states. There are 11 MSAs with more than 2,500,000 people. Employment in these MSAs is presented in two or more divisions (Div.) or subdivisions rather than for the MSA as a whole. See Metro Divisions tab for employment in those metros and each of their divisions.

²Industry: The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) only reports construction employment combined with mining and logging in most metros, because of small sample sizes or to preserve confidentiality for industries with few employers. Metro data is not seasonally adjusted.

³Rank: BLS currently provides construction (or combined construction, mining and logging) employment data for 358 metro areas, rounded to the nearest 100. Thus, it is not possible to calculate percent changes more accurately than to the nearest whole percent and all metro areas with the same whole-percent change in employment are ranked the same. (Exception: Employment changes of less than 0.5% are shown and ranked based on the nearest 0.1%.)